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PRIVATE COMPANIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE SIDING IN RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any laid down policy which allows private companies to develop private sidings in railway land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) zone-wise details of private-sidings in railway land developed so far and approved for development;

(d) whether this policy is uniformly adopted by all zonal railways; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) As per policy on licensing of railway land for commercial plots etc., annual licence fee for land used to lay private sidings is 6% of the land value. As per another circular for development of goods sheds/ sidings in railway premises, private investment is permitted without any right for exclusive use and assets so created will belong to the Indian Railways.
Zone-wise details of private sidings in railway land as per the available information, is as under:-

Railway	No. of Siding Developed	No. of Sidings on different stages of approval	Total
Eastern Railway	4	0	4
Northern Railway	7	4	11
North Central Railway	7	0	7
North Eastern Railway	0	1	1
Northeast Frontier Railway	19	0	19
North Western Railway	9	0	9
Southern Railway	1	1	2
South Central Railway	1	0	1
South Eastern Railway	4	54	58
Western Railway	0	0	0
Total	52	60	112

However, the entire issue of laying of private sidings in railway land and the conditions thereof is under review.